

Municipal Council Minutes
Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 22, 2008
Town Hall Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Meeting opened at 7:37 pm. By Councilor Lavoie as Acting President

Members present: Councilor Gilday, Councilor Chatigny, Councilor Dunford, Councilor Neale, Councilor Lavoie, Councilor Ferguson and Councilor Sherwood

Members absent: Councilor Benson, (excused to be acting Mayor while Mayor Kezer is away on military leave) and Councilor McMilleon

Councilor Neale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Lavoie asked for anyone in the public who wished to speak during public comment and there was no one.

2008-052 Subway, 105 Main Street – Common Victualler

Councilor Lavoie asked if anyone was in attendance to speak on behalf of the License application for Subway under bill #2008-052. There was no one so he stated that they would hold this until the end of the meeting to see if someone shows up.

2008-063 Re-appoint Paul Hudon, Assist Harbormaster term to expire 6/30/2011.

Councilor Lavoie explained that the Assistant Harbormaster was inadvertently left off the list of annual appointments that were done at the June meeting. His term expires June 30, 2011.

Councilor Neale motioned to approve 2008-063 and re-appoint Paul Hudon, Assistant Harbormaster, term to expire June 30, 2011.

Councilor Dunford seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

2008-054 Accept \$7500 Grant from Amesbury Health Care Charitable Trust or CODE RED

Councilor Lavoie asked if there was a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Councilor Neale stated that there was a unanimous recommendation to accept as submitted.

Councilor Ferguson motioned that the Municipal Council accept the Finance Committee recommendation to accept the \$7,500.00 grant from the Amesbury Health Care Charitable Trust.

Councilor Neale seconded.

Councilor Sherwood suggested an amendment to the motion that it would be conditional on review and acceptance of the use policy that the Mayor would be developing in relation to this.

Councilor Neale stated that it should not be a condition of accepting the grant. They should deal with the grant first and then the policy.

Councilor Lavoie stated that they could make a motion after that they be apprised of the policy.

Councilor Sherwood asked if that policy would be something that they would be able to take action on.

Councilor Lavoie stated that he was not so sure in the sense that it is an administrative function. He wouldn't view it as a re-organization or administrative policy.

Councilor Sherwood stated that the concerns he had was the use of it and just to clarify the emergency function of it and authorizing the acceptance of the funds which essentially authorizes the program itself.

Councilor Neale stated that it is a one year contract so there could be discussion at the budget.

Councilor Lavoie stated that he felt it would be appropriate that after accepting the grant that any subsidiary concerns could be put in the form of a motion as reminders to the Mayor.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

Councilor Neale – Yes

Councilor Sherwood – Yes

Councilor Chatigny – Yes

Councilor Dunford – Yes

Councilor Ferguson – Yes

Councilor Gilday – Yes

Councilor Lavoie – Yes

The Vote was Unanimous

Councilor Sherwood motioned to request that the Mayor submit to the Council for its review, the administrative policy relative to the CODERED notification system.

Councilor Dunford asked to amend it to say CODERED and other telephone notification systems.

Councilor Ferguson stated that she believed they already had a policy on the School system presently.

Councilor Neale stated that they don't have province over the School Department; that would be the School Committee.

Councilor Neale seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

2008-059 Surplus equipment from Amesbury High School

Councilor Lavoie asked for a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Councilor Neale stated that the Finance Committee made a unanimous recommendation to approve as submitted.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee for acceptance of 2008-059 as submitted.

Councilor Chatigny seconded.

A Roll Call vote was taken:

Councilor Neale – Yes

Councilor Sherwood – Yes

Councilor Chatigny – Yes

Councilor Dunford – Yes

Councilor Ferguson – Yes

Councilor Gilday – Yes

Councilor Lavoie – Yes

The Vote was Unanimous

Councilor Sherwood reminded the Council and public that the Master Plan Implementation Committee will be having their second workshop on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Cultural Center in the Upper Millyard and the focus is on sidewalks, and road improvements and the DPW Director, Rob Desmarais will be there to present to anyone in attendance.

Councilor Dunford stated that there is an Alternate Energy Committee who is looking for people to join. They can contact the Municipal Council Clerk to put their name in.

Councilor Lavoie returned to item #2008-052 which was suspended at the beginning of the meeting.

Councilor Dunford motioned to table #2008-052 for Subway's License.

Councilor Neale seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Councilor Sherwood motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Councilor Dunford seconded and it was voted Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Dunning
Administrative Assistant